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- (1) Japanese Published Unexamined Patent Application
(A) 09-330396 (OLYMPUS OPTICAL CO LTD), published
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Applicant also wishes to bring the following document to the attention of the Examiner:

- (2) Japanese Published Unexamined Patent Application (A)
06-195447 (CANON INC), published July 15, 1994.

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						Yes	No
		JP	06-195447	A	07/15/1994	ABSTRACT ONLY	
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